



Erfahrungsbericht: Security für Safety-kritische Leitzentralen

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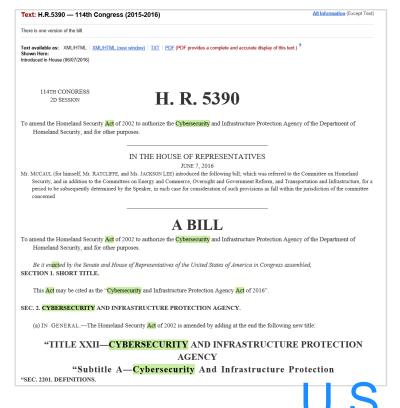


We set standards



Neue Gesetze – Sorgfaltspflichten für Betreiber von Infrastrukturen









Andrew Rose, head of cyber security at NATS,

London, April 2017

Drei Ursachen für mangelhafte Cybersicherheit:

- Mangelndes Verständnis und Know-how der Betreiber
- Konflikte zwischen Safety und Security best practises
- Schlecht absicherbare Produkte der Hersteller



Beispiele für Kundenanforderungen (aus Ausschreibungen)

1. Patching times

"The supplier shall procure the application of security patches to vulnerabilities within a maximum period from the public release of such patches with those vulnerabilities categorized as 'Critical 'within 14 days of release, 'important' within 30 days of release and at 'Other' within sixty (60) Working Days of release" (UK)

"Updates to remediate critical vulnerabilities shall be provided within a shorter period than other updates, within at least three (3) days" (AUS)

2. Maintain the compatibility with patches

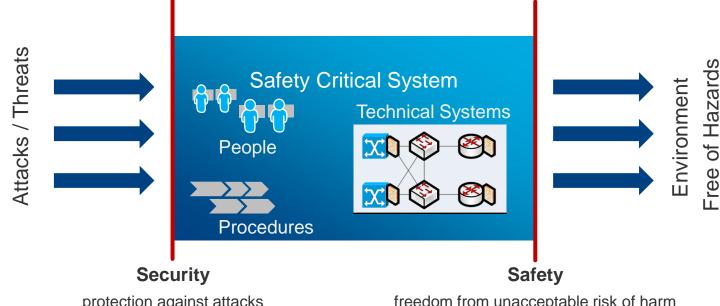
"The Supplier's software maintenance shall include maintaining compatibility with operating system updates (which will be maintained on behalf of the Authority by others)". (UK)

3. A demonstrable supply chain security management and security services covering also third party components

"When third-party hardware, software, and firmware is procured by the Contractor, the Contractor shall demonstrate that it has included arrangements[..] to provide appropriate hardware, software, and firmware updates to remediate newly discovered vulnerabilities or weaknesses within one month [...]. Updates to remediate critical vulnerabilities shall be provided [...] within 3 days. If these third-party updates cannot be made available by the vendor within these time periods, the Contractor shall provide mitigations and/or workarounds within one week [...]." (AUS)



Managing Safety and Security



protection against attacks

freedom from unacceptable risk of harm

Security impacts Safety Safety has priority over Security



Can Safety and Security be Combined?

Common Safety and Security Approach

- Risk-based approach
- Identification and avoidance of hazards/threats
- Must be considered along the whole lifecycle
- Safety/Security awareness, culture and trainings
- Avoidance and detection of faults and failures/ vulnerabilities and incidents
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Safety

Security



Wait, wait, any change to the operational system needs an impact assessment, an updated safety case, complete test evidence for all regression tests, a formal system test and review and approval by all relevant managers. If everything works well, you can apply the patch in only a year.



What about differences?



Rare, long planned updates

Frequent, short term patching



A patch for a critical vulnerability was published yesterday, we need to patch our system today!



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What about differences?

We should have a redundant and diverse network with Windows and Linux clients in various versions.





Redundant diverse building blocks help

Redundant diverse building blocks increase the attack surface



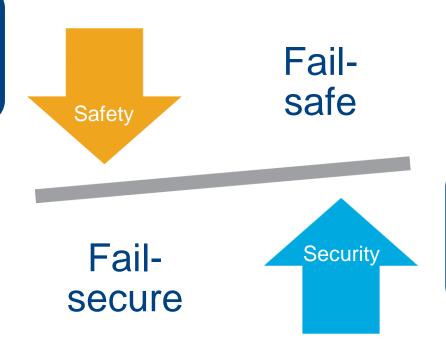
Only one type of client, which is managed by the central IT is allowed on the network. Everything else would unnecessarily increase the attack surface.



What about differences?

If there is a power failure, the doors to the operations room should always be open – otherwise, critical control actions cannot be performed.





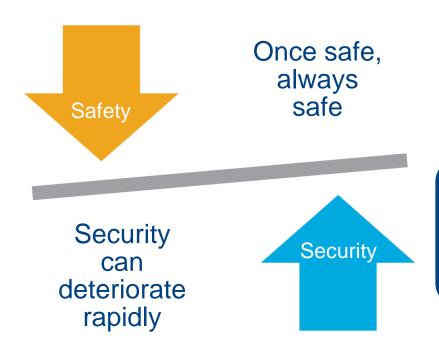
If there is a power failure, the doors to the operations room should always be locked – otherwise, intruders may gain access.



What about differences?

The safety case is fully approved, so as long as there are no changes to the system and no fault in the safety case are identified, it remains safe.





Attackers constantly develop new attack vectors with high creativity and knowledge, so security has to be reassessed continuoulsy and the system needs to be hardened.



Common Safety and Security Approach

- Standards start to recognise that safety and security need to go together
- e.g. EUROCAE ED-205 (DRAFT). Process Standards for Security Certification/Declaration of Air Traffic Management/Air Navigation Services (ATM/CNS) Ground Systems.
 - "Decisions made about security must not compromise safety and vice-versa."
 - Harmonization of Processes

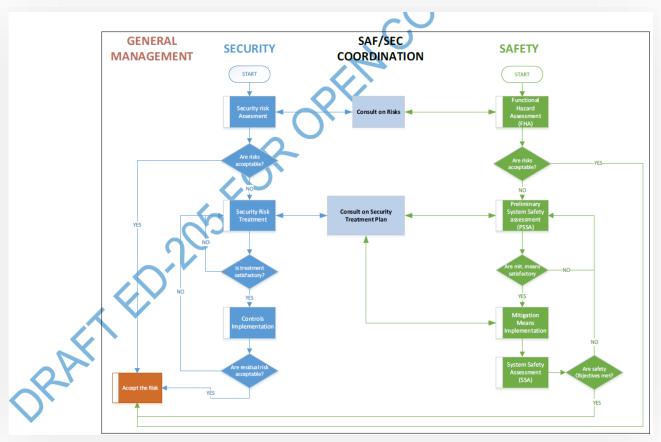
Recommendations

The Recommendations for ensuring that safety and security considerations are studied together according to the combined risk assessment process are:

- The Security Risk Assessment should be taken into account in the Safety Risk Assessment.
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Proposed Safety and Security Process (ED-205 DRAFT)





Servant of two masters

Logon

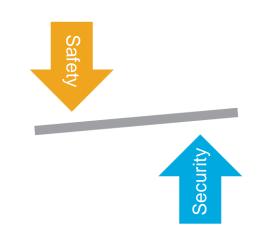
- Security: complex passwords, auditing capabilities
- Safety: immediate access to system for operators



- Security: patch, patch, patch
- Safety: safety of the system must not be compromised, no changes, if there is a change you need to update the safety case

Anti Virus

- Security: current AV signatures, AV engine heuristics stops malicious programs
- Safety: safety-critical programs and processes must not be stopped, the system has to be available 24/7



Servant of two masters - Logon

Safety:

immediate access to

system for operators

Reasoning:

- Complex passwords only for administrative accounts
- Strong physical security as mitigation for easy operator access
- Logging of logon/logoff for auditing by security staff
- Logon on unusual nodes creates security event in monitoring system





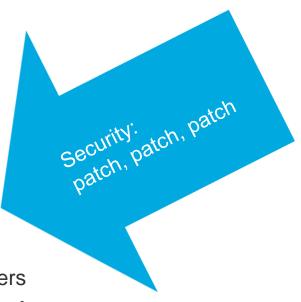
Servant of two masters – patching 1

Safety:
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- Joint process involving all stakeholders
- Patches assessed against possible safety implications
- Patches only implemented after extensive structured testing to uphold safety case



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Patching board

- Consists of Frequentis and several customer parties (operators, maintenance, security)
- Assess severity/necessity of patches
- Accept/reject patches



Different types of servers/nodes:

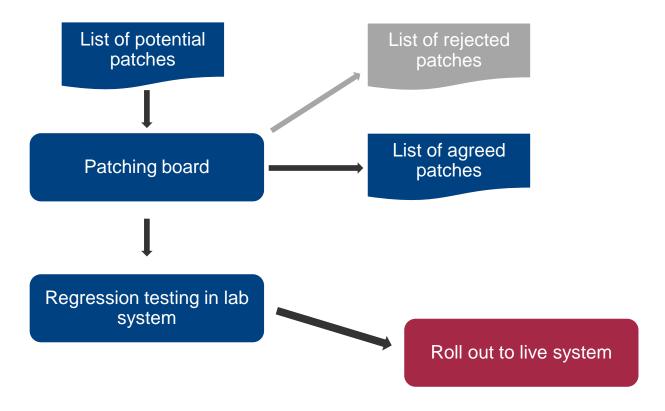
- Core servers: too risky and too expensive to patch
- Interface nodes: patching feasible

Patching:

- Normal patches within the normal maintenance cycle
 - approx. 4-5 months for testing
- Critical patches within a shortened maintenance cycle
 - approx. 2 months for testing



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Servant of two masters - Anti Virus

Safety:

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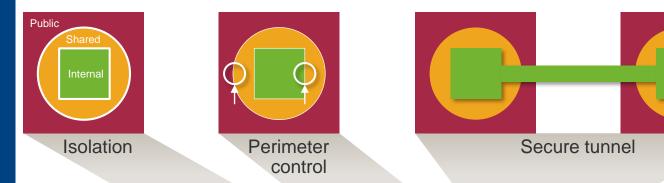
Reasoning:

- Processes and services on core servers can't be stopped at will by Anti Virus software
- Core servers: too risky to put Anti Virus on
- Interface nodes: Anti Virus running and updated in a timely manner
- Sheep dip computers
 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheep_dip_(computing)) for exchanging data

current AV signatures, programs programs



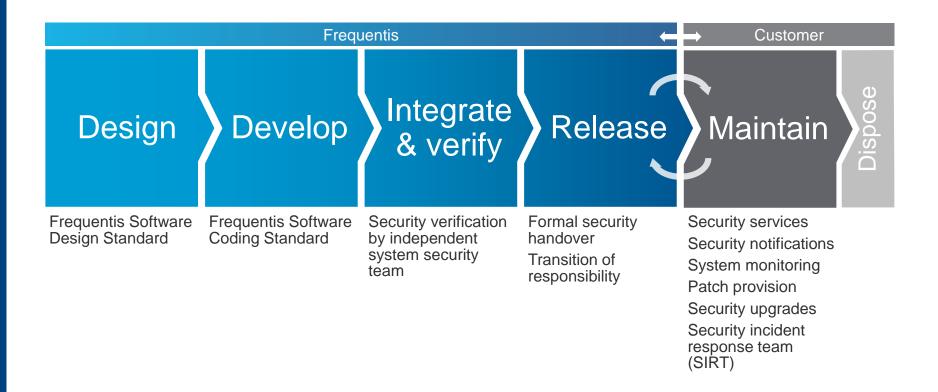
Integration of Safety and Security into a common system architecture



Protection zones

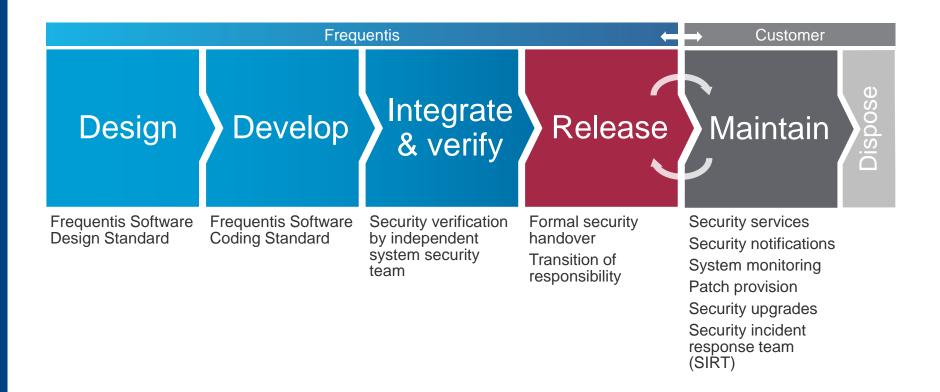
	Internal	Shared	Public	Information Technology	Operational Technology
Safety criticality	High	Medium	Low	IT – Security → Protect data	OT – Security → Protect processes
Connectivity to	n/a	trusted networks	untrusted networks	C – I – A Fail secure IPS	A – I – C Fail safe IDS
Security concept	ОТ	OT / IT	IT	Patches	SW assured revisions Segmentation + Perimeter sec.
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Security as process with a clear security responsibility in each phase





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Security collaboration – sharing of duties

Common interest and collaborative effort of system operator, integrator and vendors

